

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 371  
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ms. Nickie Lancaster for her meritorious service as an Easter Seals volunteer.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nickie Lancaster is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of integrity in the volunteer community who recently was named the Volunteer of the Week by the Community Resource Center and Easter Seals for her work with polio survivors; and

WHEREAS, after contracting polio at age eight, Nickie endured twelve years of extensive rehabilitation to return to her previous state of health; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 she formed Polio Heroes of Tennessee, a support group for polio survivors, and published a newsletter offering assistance and encouragement to the growing number of people experiencing the late effects of polio; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lancaster has served with probity and diligence as coordinator and group leader for Polio Heroes, and has committed her life to helping others in that important position; and

WHEREAS, Nickie Lancaster has adroitly cultivated the largest polio support group in the South, giving seminars to medical groups throughout the area; and

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WHEREAS, widely respected and admired by members of the medical and volunteer communities, Nickie has “devoted her life to gathering and disseminating information and helping people overcome the late effects of polio,” said an appreciative Jayne Perkins, President and CEO of the Easter Seals. She “represents what volunteerism is all about,” and

WHEREAS, throughout her excellent service at the helm of Polio Heroes, Nickie Lancaster has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Ms. Lancaster is highly regarded as a professional and friend in the medical and volunteer communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ms. Nickie Lancaster for her dedicated service to Polio survivors; she is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and is especially deserving of this body’s commendation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Ms. Lancaster with this final clause omitted from such copy.